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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: [redacted], aka [redacted]

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau dated 5/1/68 and Seattle teletype to the Bureau dated 5/2/68.

On 5/1/68, STEWART NORTHRUP, Manager, Bush Hotel, 621 South Jackson Street, Seattle, advised that [redacted] was registered at the Bush Hotel from 3/2/68 until 4/27/68. He furnished a home address of [redacted] home - Chicago, Illinois. He roomed with one [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. Although [redacted] moved out of the hotel on 4/27/68 [redacted] still resides there.

NORTHRUP stated he believed [redacted] to be employed at the [redacted] in Seattle, Washington.

On May 1, 1968, inquiry at the [redacted] Seattle, failed to reflect any employee by the name of [redacted] or [redacted].

On 5/1/68 [redacted], Manager, [redacted] Burien, Washington, advised that [redacted] is employed there [redacted] was off on 5/1/68 but due to return to work on 5/2/68. [redacted] did not have a home address for [redacted]

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[redacted] referred to employment records [redacted] and stated that he has been employed with [redacted] since 3/11/68, and is a most satisfactory employee. He stated that he works five days a week from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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During April his days off were Wednesday and Thursday, although [redacted] could not be sure that [redacted] took his days off since employees sometimes work on their day off or trade the day off with other employees for personal reasons.

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] Burien, Washington, on 5/2/68. He stated he has been in Seattle continuously since early March, 1968 with the exception of a few short trips to the nearby rural areas for fishing. [redacted] advised that while employed at the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, in 1956, he had occasion to fire a Negro girl under his supervision. Shortly thereafter a series of what he described as retaliatory measures took place, among them a personal assault on [redacted] accompanied by the theft of his automobile and threats to his family. When his automobile was recovered, it was found to have sugar in the gas tank and other damage which appeared to have been deliberately caused.

[redacted] stated that shortly after the above incidents, two detectives from the Damon Avenue Station of the Chicago Police Department approached him at his home and furnished him with information re [redacted] such as III that set forth in re Chicago tel. He advised the detectives at that time that he believed this to be another retaliatory measure by members of the "Deacons For Defense", a Negro organization whom [redacted] believes is responsible for the attacks on his person and property in retaliation for his firing of the Negro girl, above. He felt at that time that this matter had been settled to the satisfaction of the Chicago Police. [redacted] stated that his supervisor at that time was one [redacted] (PH) whom he claimed would verify the above information. He stated that [redacted] would also be in a position to furnish information regarding a bomb threat which was received at [redacted] around the same time as the above incidents and which [redacted] believes probably was connected with the Deacons for Defense.

[redacted] advised he was born [redacted] at [redacted] and currently resides at [redacted] Seattle, Washington. He operates a 1962 Oldsmobile, [redacted]

On May 2, 1968, [redacted] the Bush Hotel, Seattle,

advised that he met [redacted] in Denver, Colorado, in early March, 1968. They came to Seattle together and lived, until recently, together at the Bush Hotel. [redacted] stated that, to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] has been in Seattle continuously since they arrived. He stated that he also worked at [redacted] with [redacted] and knows that [redacted] was also continuously employed at that store since March, 1968. [redacted] specifically recalled telling [redacted] during the early part of April, 1968, of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and pointed out that [redacted] was the first one to mention this to [redacted] He recalled that this was either during the afternoon or early evening on the day KING was shot.

In view of the above, UAC, no further investigation is being conducted regarding [redacted] at Seattle.